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                        Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

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                        Program Assessment Office

         SUBJECT: Contract Support for ADP-T Imagery Study (U)

         1. The contract that RMS has with the [ ] Corporation to   25X1A
provide technical support on the imagery ADP issue expires in
25X1A   October. The additional [   ] that was committed to the contract
         last spring covered the costs of moving the contractors back to their
         offices, paying the overhead costs accrued there, and finishing the
         last task of the current contract--completing the national level
         imagery data flow study. (S[   ])   25X1A

         2. The expiration of this contract raises two problems in
connection with the ADP Support to Imagery issue:

              a. Since it appears likely that a final decision on this
         issue will be postponed until the fall, I am concerned about
         maintaining our ability to do extensive recosting of the various
         alternatives and options. The added time gives the Program
         Managers the opportunity to construct proposals not included
         among the DASITT alternatives. Some of these might be perfectly
         acceptable ways to accomplish our objectives. I feel strongly,
         however, that RMS ought to be able to verify the funding
         estimates submitted by the Program Managers. Without the
         contractor support, this may prove impossible.

              b. If RMS is to monitor the implementation of the DCI's
         decision on this issue, that monitoring will be effective only
         if we have some independent means of verifying the Program
         Managers submissions. The cost model developed for the DASITT
         Study has promising application for monitoring of multi-year ADP
         development programs. It needs to be refined somewhat before it
         can be used to monitor this issue. (S)

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   3. When this contract expires, the contracting team that has developed the costing model and worked on the DASITT Study will be dissolved. RMS will loose these trained contractors and any follow-up on the imagery ADP-T issue will become entirely a staff responsibility. Should you wish to continue a contract effort to monitor ADP Support to Imagery, I believe you should consider giving IRO responsibility for the RDM contract and follow-up work.

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I agree. What's reqr to make it happen!

JK

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